E-Read Texas:
Updates and Q&A

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Texas State Library & Amigos

Texas State Library

- Funding
- Ebook collections
- Contact: Karen McElfresh
- https://www.tsl.texas.gov/ldn/ebooks

Amigos Library Services

- SimplyE app
- Technical assistance
- Contact: Christine Peterson
- https://www.amigos.org/simplye

TEXAS STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES COMMISSION

Amigos Library Services

Updates
E-Read Texas Collection

Collection Scope

- Intended to complement collections maintained by small and medium-sized community libraries in Texas
- Adult fiction and popular non-fiction, including young adult crossover

- Collection development policy: https://www.tsl.texas.gov/ldn/ebooks
- E-Read Texas Working Group: https://www.tsl.texas.gov/texshare/ebooksworking.html

New Content

- Added 2,905 titles in September 2020

Over 6,000 titles available!

License Models

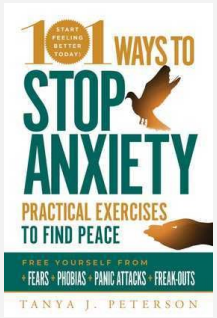
- **Biblioboard: https://e-readtx.biblioboard.com/home**
  - Perpetual Access
  - Unlimited simultaneous users
  - Available online AND via SimplyE
  - MARC records available

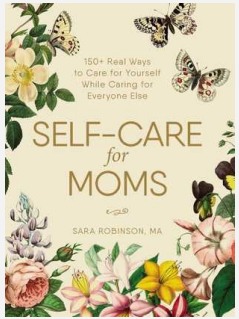
- **Digital Public Library of America (DPLA)**
  - Multiple access models (1-year, 2-year, metered access, perpetual, open access)
  - Most are one simultaneous user
  - ONLY available via SimplyE
  - No MARC records available

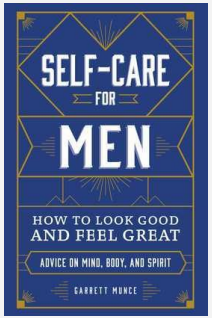
1,100+ New Titles from DPLA

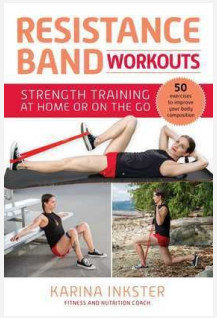
More DPLA Titles

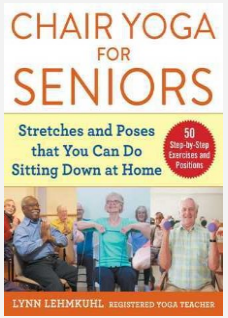
Self-Care & Wellness Resources



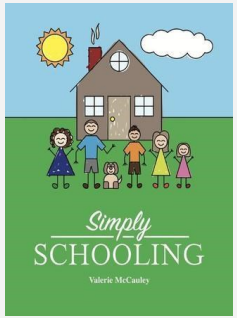


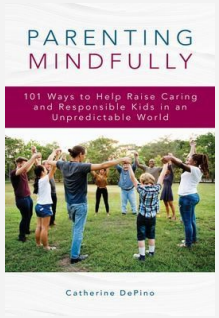


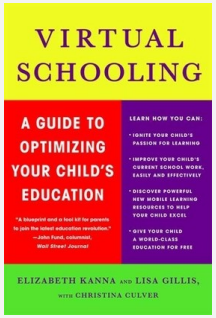


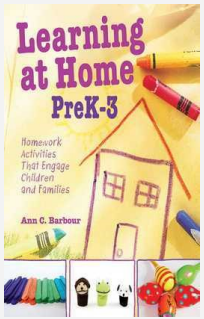


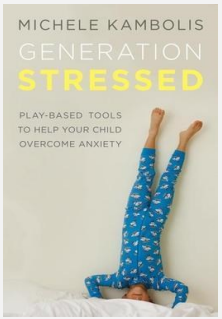
Home-Schooling & Parenting Resources



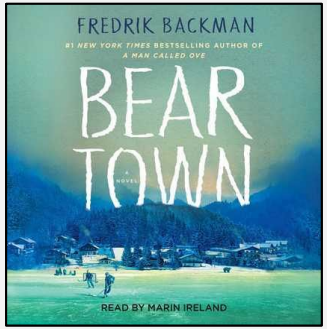


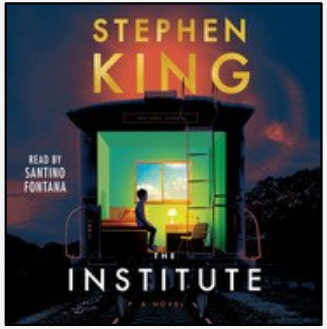


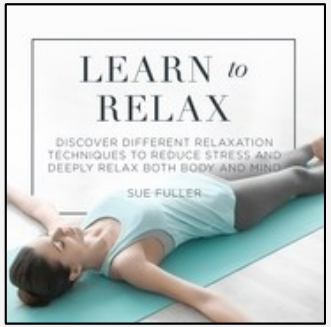


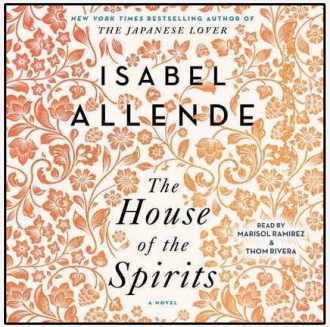


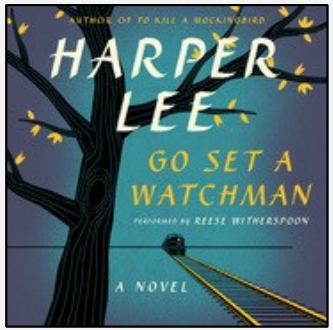
Audiobooks – Coming Soon

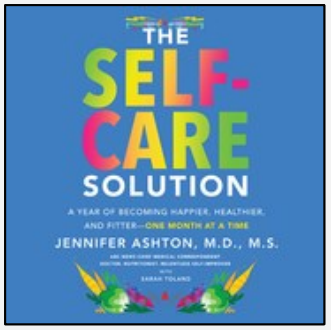












New Unlimited Content – Added in Sept. 2020

- **Texas Book Consortium – 781 titles**
  - Texas A&M University Press
  - Texas State Historical Association Press
  - TCU Press
  - Stephen F. Austin State University Press
  - Texas Review Press
- **Oceanview Publishing – 100 titles**
  - Mysteries, Thrillers & Suspense
- **Santa Fe Writers Project – 48 titles**
  - Fiction, Biography, Poetry
- **Indie Author Project collection update – 100 titles**
  - Genre fiction and YA

Teacher Created Materials/TIME for Kids

20th Century Inventions

Jenna Winterberg (Author)

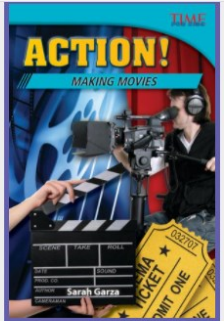
BOOK

22nd Century

Future of Space

Stephanie Paris (Author)

BOOK

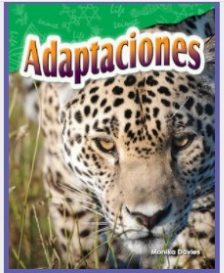


Action!

Making Movies, TIME for Kids

Sarah Garza (Author)

BOOK

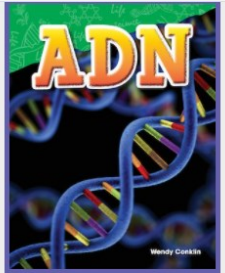


Adaptaciones

Monika Davies (Author)

Spanish Language Content

BOOK

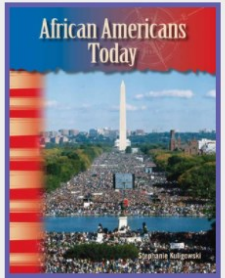


ADN

Dona Herweck Rice (Author)

Spanish Language Content

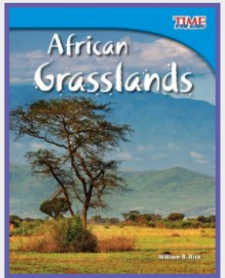
BOOK



African Americans Today

Stephanie Kuligowski (Author)

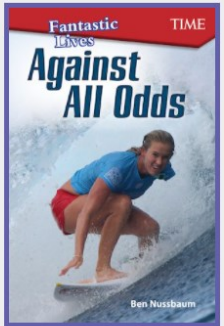
BOOK



African Grasslands

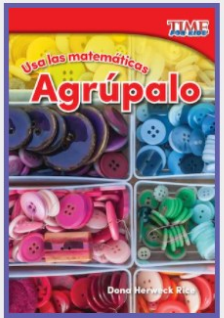
TIME for Kids

William B. Rice (Author)



Against All Odds

Ben Nussbaum (Author)



Agrúpalo

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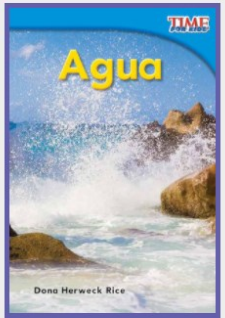


Agua

Dona Herweck Rice (Author)

Spanish Language Content

BOOK

Texas Great Read 2020

- *Butterfly Yellow* by Thanhhà Lại
- Access to e-book and audiobook via SimplyE
- Access for all Texas residents from Nov. 16 – Jan. 16

https://www.tsl.texas.gov/greatreadtexas

Updates SimplyE

Current E-Read Texas Libraries

July: 75
August: 79
September: 89
October: 94
November: 98 (?)
100??

Big Things

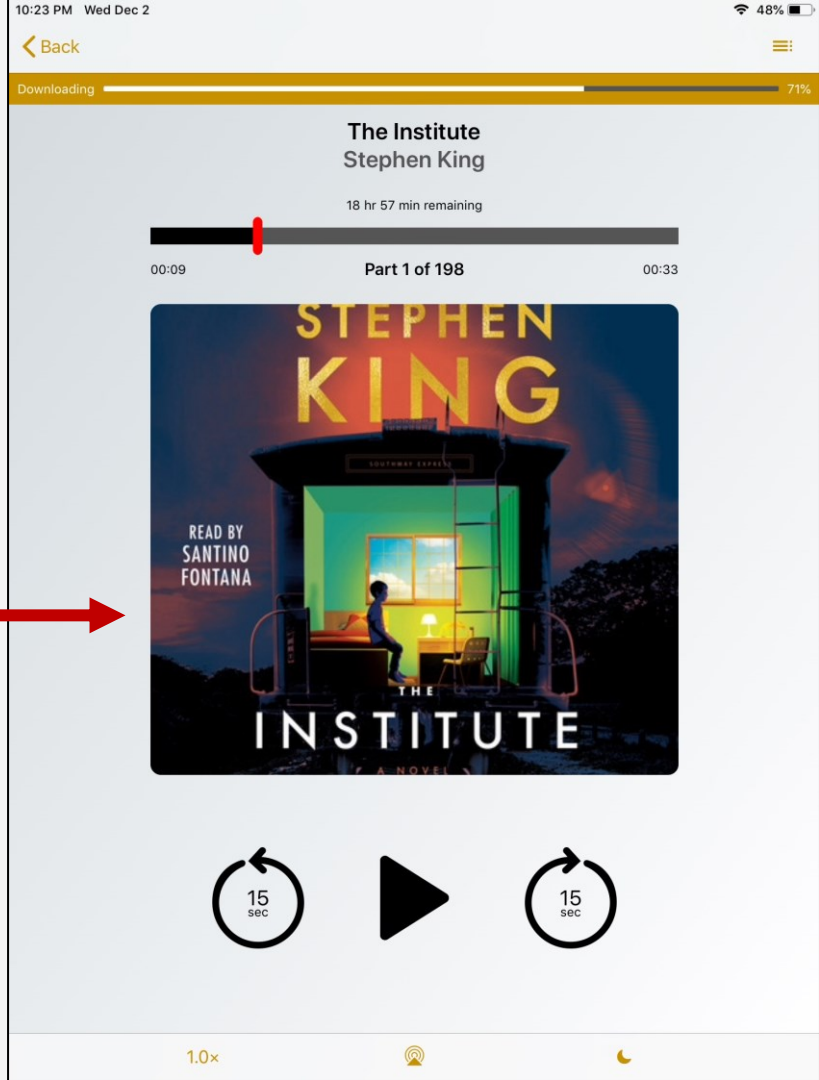
- Server upgrades
- Audiobooks enabled

Remember:

- Overdrive audiobooks
- Updated Android app
- RBDigital migration to Overdrive

Bug Fixes Since Last Update

- **Android:**
  - Partial support for DPLA Exchange audiobooks
  - Repeated word at the beginning of each chapter in Overdrive audiobooks
  - Fail to see or render pages within an ebook
- **iOS: Full support for DPLA audiobooks**
- **Incremental Circulation Manager upgrades to lists & lanes functionality**



Coming

- **Very soon**
  - DPLA audiobooks for Android
  - Android download Axis360 & Bibliotheca audiobooks (QA)
  - Cannot read books in Android (QA)
  - Return of titles cannot be completed (in progress)
- **This fall**
  - Updated reading software (Readium 2)
  - Announcements
  - LCP DRM
  - Android apps all use red color
  - RBDigital ebooks

More Content

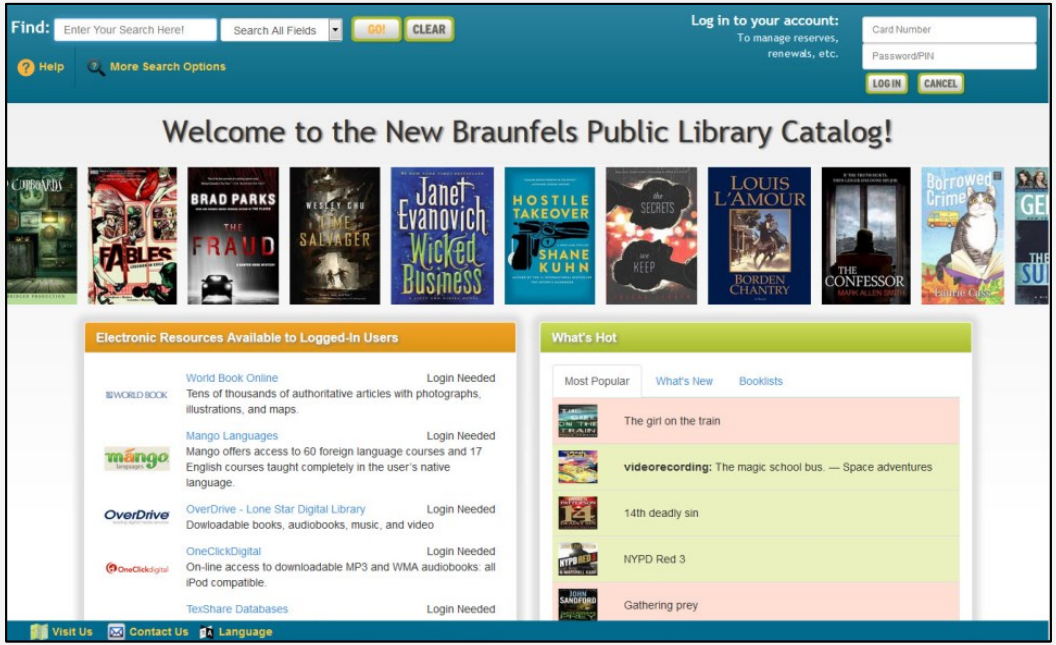
- ProQuest
- Hoopla (streaming content)
- EBSCO
- Ingram
- Gale
- Looking at magazines

Updates
General

E-Read Texas Eligibility Update

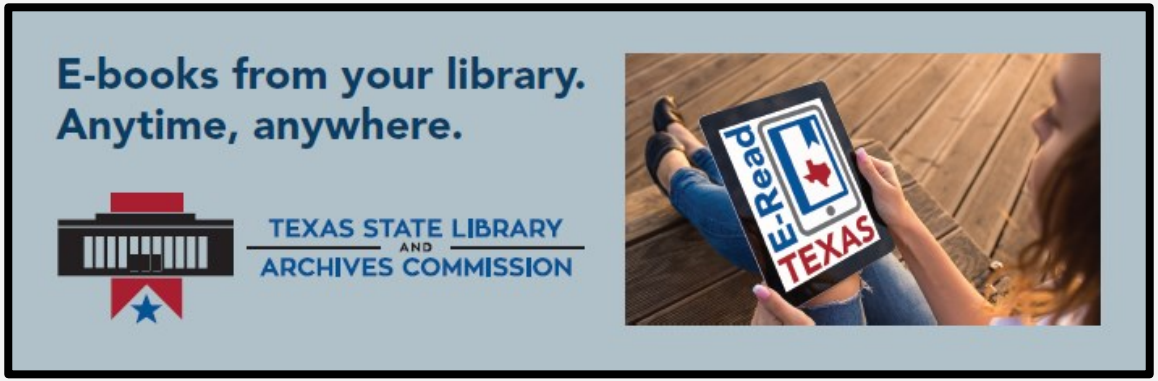
Texas public libraries serving populations under 100,000

- **Phase 1 (July 2019- Aug. 2020):**
  - Apollo Biblionix libraries only
- **Phase 2 (Sept. 2020):**
  - Additional ILS integrations



Promotional Materials from TSLAC

- **Printable bookmarks & flyers available at https://www.tsl.texas.gov/ldn/ebooks**
  - TSLAC can also customize bookmarks with your library logo, print, and mail to you
- **Media kit coming later this year**



SimplyE Materials

https://wiki.lyrasis.org/display/SIM/Customizable+Aids+to+Help+Patrons

Customizable Aids to Help Patrons

Created by Christine Peterson, last modified on Aug 27, 2020

Below are documents that can be used as is, modified and customized by library staff to help patrons understand and use the SimplyE apps. They are the result of a 2020 grant awarded to Amigos Library Services from the Institute for Museum & Library Services through the Texas State Library & Archives Commission. Thanks go to not only these three organizations, but Marilynn Jacobs and Joy Markel, who created these documents for us, and Neil Esposito, who create the videos.

Please Read This First: Letter to Librarians (pptx)

- Communications Toolkit for Librarians (pptx)
- Getting Started (pptx)
- Palm Card (pptx)
- Poster (pptx)
- Social and Web Graphics
- Webinar Script (pptx)
- Welcome Flyer (pptx)
- Using and Troubleshooting SimplyE (pptx)
- Videos:
  - 31-second SimplyE Introduction
  - 101-second SimplyE Introduction

Where can you find

thousands of e-books and audiobooks

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fBG8LQFwSRs

Sharing Materials

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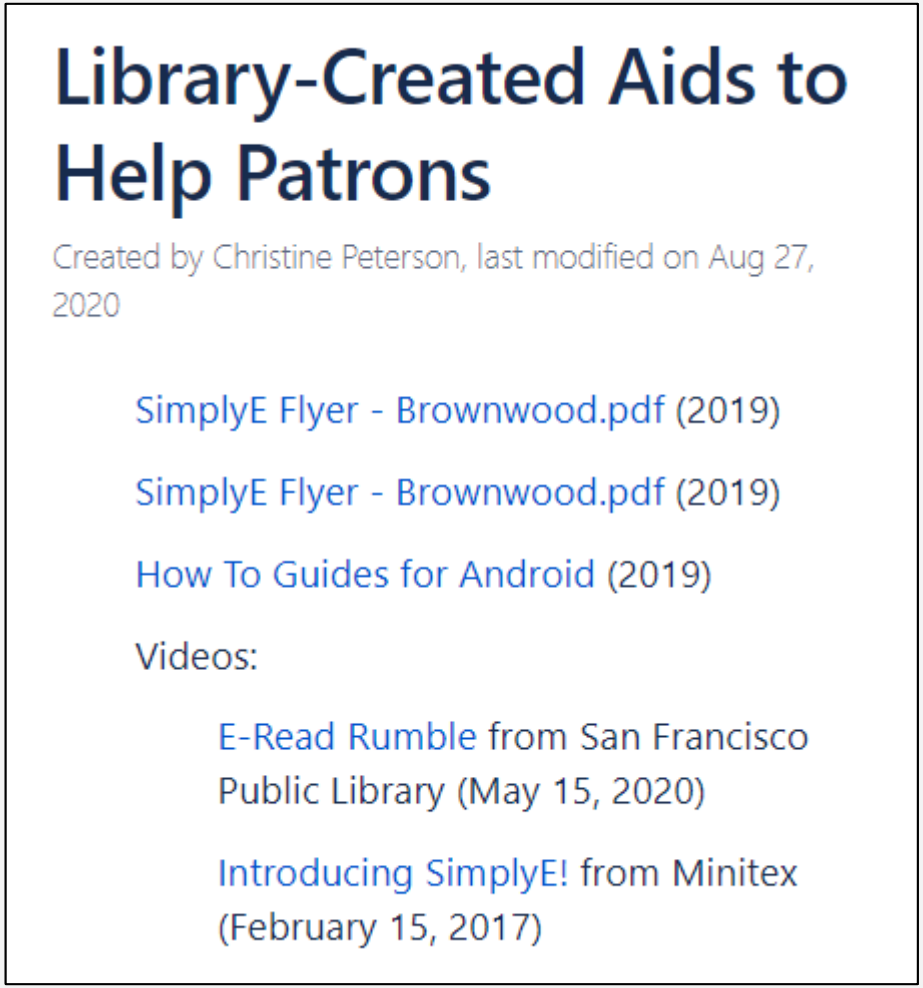

Library-Created Aids to Help Patrons

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SimplyE Flyer - Brownwood.pdf (2019)

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How To Guides for Android (2019)

Videos:

E-Read Rumble from San Francisco Public Library (May 15, 2020)

Introducing SimplyE! from Minitex (February 15, 2017)

Next Steps

- **Another Q&A session on March 18th, 2 – 3 pm**
  - Registration link will be posted here: https://www.tsl.texas.gov/ldn/ebooks
- **Free SimplyE Classes coming in January – March:**
  - Interface & Searching
  - Roles & Configuratiion
  - Modifying Metadata
  - Lists & Lanes
  - Troubleshooting
  - Statistics

Questions?

We'll Start

- What kind of content would you like to see us offer?
- What feedback have you gotten from your patrons?
- How are you promoting the service to your users?
- What types of promotional or instructional materials do you need?

Questions

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